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Meetings Offer Guidance on Recycling and Refuse Program

Phase 1 of the new once-per-week, semi-automated, curbside recycling and refuse collection system will begin the week of October 27. There are about 4,000 households in more than a dozen neighborhoods in the first phase.

In October, residents in phase 1 will receive one brown cart for all recyclables and one gray cart for refuse, along with a program guide. Once the carts are delivered, they should be immediately used for recycling and refuse collection. There will be no change to how yard waste is collected.

Several public meetings will be held to address any questions or concerns, and to provide additional information. At the meetings, carts will be on display to help in choosing the size each household will need. The same information will be available at each meeting; residents can drop in any time during the event.

Certain components of recycling and refuse collection, such as bulky item collection, will change. Learn more at the meetings, online at www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse or call 240-314-8568.

The neighborhoods located in phase 1 include Big Oak Court, Burgundy Knolls, David Scull, East Rockville, Falls Ridge, Lincoln Park, Lynfield, Orchard Ridge, Potomac Springs, Potomac Woods, Redgate Farms, Rose Hill, Rose Hill Falls, Waddington Park, and most of Burgundy Estates and Horizon Hills. **RR**

See page 3 for more program information.



Rockville's new once-per-week, curbside recycling, refuse and yard waste collections will begin with Phase 1 on Oct. 27.

Reuniones ofrecen una guía para el Programa de Recolección de Material Reciclable y Basura

A partir del 27 de Octubre, Rockville comenzará a recolectar material reciclable y basura de cerca de 4,000 hogares, en más de una docena de barrios localizados en la Fase 1 del nuevo sistema semiautomático de recolección del cordón de la acera, de una vez por semana.

En Octubre, los residentes de la fase 1 recibirán un receptáculo marrón para todos los materiales reciclables y uno gris para la basura, junto con una guía del programa. Una vez que se reciban los receptáculos, deben usarse para todas las recolecciones de reciclables y de basura. No habrá ningún cambio para la recolección de desperdicios del jardín.

Se llevarán a cabo una serie de reuniones para responder a cualquier pregunta o inquietud, y para proporcionar más información. En las reuniones,

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The Meeting Dates and Locations are as Follows:

SEPT. 27 (Saturday)
9 a.m.-1 p.m.
City Hall
111 Maryland Ave.

OCT. 1 (Wednesday)
7-9 p.m.
F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre
603 Edmonston Drive

OCT. 4 (Saturday)
9 a.m.-1 p.m.
F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre
603 Edmonston Drive

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9 a.m.-1 p.m.
City Hall
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9 a.m.-1 p.m.
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603 Edmonston Drive

Park Dedication Focuses on Life, Legacy of Mattie Stepanek

The dedication in October of the Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park will round out a series of events held to honor his memory.

The ceremony and associated activities are planned for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at the park, 26 acres located at the intersection of Gaither Road and Piccard Drive in King Farm.

Stepanek, who died in 2004 at age 13, was afflicted with Dysautonomic Mitochondrial Myopathy (a form of Muscular Dystrophy) and is remembered for his dedication to promoting hope and peace. His Heartsongs series, a collection of poetry books, were *New York Times* Best Sellers.

The dedication of Mattie's Peace Garden Park will feature the

unveiling of life-sized statues of Mattie and his service dog, Micah. Benches with quotes from Mattie's books, along with personalized bricks, will be positioned around the garden and the park.

The Rockville Mayor and Council will be at the event, as well as Mattie's mother Jeni Stepanek, and representatives from the Mattie J.T. Stepanek Foundation.

The event will also feature entertainment from an 80-voice choir performing a song written by Peter Choplin that is based on Stepanek's final peace speech. The teen band, Creation, will perform "We Need to Stop" based on Stepanek's poem, "For Our World."

In addition to the songs written



Work is progressing on the peace garden at Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park.

specifically in memory of Stepanek, Nile Rodgers, who helped produce and compose an album by Sister Sledge, will perform "We Are Family."

The King Farm Citizens Assembly will provide food. There will be crafts, children's games and activities.

Two activities residents can sign up to participate in are the chess-a-thon and Bankshot tournament.

The chess-a-thon will feature a chance to beat the master, who will play chess against roughly 20 other players at the same time. There will be three, 45-minute sessions in which players can sign up to play.

The Bankshot tournament features 16 basketball stations, each offer a different backboard from which players can bank their shot. The game is accessible to all. **RR**

Find Out What's Happening 'This Week in Rockville'

Rockville offers a new E-newsletter service that helps you navigate all there is to do in the city.

The E-newsletter, called "This Week in Rockville," is sent every Thursday afternoon and gives you a look at the week ahead.

It's easy to sign up for and helps you find out what's going on in Rockville. To sign up for the E-newsletter, go to www.rockvillemd.gov/contacts/listservs.html and choose "City Events."

E-mail JoAnn Grbach at jgrbach@rockvillemd.gov or call her at 240-314-8116 with your suggestions. **RR**

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ROCKVILLE IS GOING GREEN

To learn more about Rockville's efforts toward building a sustainable City, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/environment



The 2000 Tower Oaks building was recognized by the City's Environment Commission for its efforts to build an environmentally-friendly building on Tower Oaks Boulevard.

Awards Recognize Successful Environmental Practices

The Commission on the Environment recognized the Tower Companies for making a difference in Rockville's goal to achieving environmental sustainability.

The Environmental Excellence Awards program was developed to raise public awareness and promote

the environmental achievements for projects and practices in the City. The awards are given in four categories: Outstanding Individual Environmental Stewardship, Outstanding Leadership in Environmental Practices, Outstanding Achievement in Green Building Technology/

Design and Outstanding Environmental Education and Academic Achievement.

Organizations, businesses and individuals can receive awards.

The Tower Companies was recognized on Sept. 22 during the Mayor and Council meeting for its 2000 Tower Oaks

Boulevard Building.

The Outstanding Achievement in Green Building Technology/Design was awarded to the project. The building was designed to achieve LEED-Platinum certification – the highest level of building performance as measured by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System of the U.S. Green Building Council. It is also the first building in Maryland designed to be Energy Star certified with a score of 87, 11 points above the requirement to achieve the certification.

Some of the environmentally-friendly design features used to achieve LEED-Platinum certification include building a sustainable site, using water efficiently, protecting energy and atmosphere, using recycled and recycling building materials, ensuring indoor environmental quality, and using innovation and design to adhere to standards.

Eligible organizations must have an office in Rockville, be able to demonstrate significant

operations in the City or have conducted a project that benefits Rockville's environment.

Building projects considered as part of a nomination must be in the City.

Anyone is eligible to nominate or endorse an individual, organization, business, public agency, student, educational institution or program for an award.

The Commission on the Environment reviews nominations and as appropriate recommend awards to the Mayor and Council.

To submit a nomination, complete a nomination form and submit, along with any supporting documentation, by e-mail to environment@rockvillemd.gov, by fax to 240-314-8210 or by mail to City of Rockville Environmental Excellence Awards, 30 Courthouse Square, Rockville, MD 20850. Nomination forms can be found online at www.rockvillemd.gov/government/commissions/ec/documents/EEA_nomination_form.pdf. [RR](#)

Composting Makes for Greener Gardens

Residents can prevent a significant amount of yard and food waste from going into landfills each year by composting at home. Nearly 30 percent of all waste in the United States that ends up in a landfill could have been used for compost, and that in turn, can be used for the good of your garden.

Compost – or humus – enriches soil, and a lawn or garden treated with humus requires less water and pesticides, and humus controls erosion.

It's important to control erosion because eroded sediment and nutrients are one of the biggest problems facing streams and the Chesapeake Bay.

Many everyday kitchen and yard scraps can be used as compost material. The key to successfully making compost is moisture and air. In this area, rain can provide most of



There are many benefits to composting – having great soil for gardening is just one of them.

the needed moisture; however, during dry months, additional watering might be needed. To improve air circulation, the pile should be turned periodically.

Punching holes in the side of the pile and adding twigs and branches also help. The decomposition of the compost can be accelerated by shredding or chopping material into smaller pieces, which increases the surface area.

Composting is not an exact science. Personal experience will serve as the best guide for what works and what doesn't. The amount of time it takes for a particular pile to decompose will depend on the materials used and the conditions that exist.

It could take as little as a month or up to a full year for compost to be ready for use. Finished compost will be dark, sweet smelling and cool and crumbly to the touch.

For those starting out, a free compost bin is available through the Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste, and can be picked up from the Solid Waste Transfer Station's administration office by calling 240-777-6560. [RR](#)

Things to Compost

- Vegetable and fruit scraps
- Eggshells and nutshells
- Manure
- Grass clippings
- Garden trimmings such as twigs
- Leaves
- Straw and hay
- Coffee grounds and filters
- Shredded cardboard and paper

Things Not to Compost

- Meat scraps
- Whole eggs and other dairy products
- Pet manure
- Diseased plants
- Lawn scrap treated with chemicals
- Weeds
- Charcoal
- Fats, oil and grease
- Bones



Focus on GREEN NEIGHBORHOODS

New Mark Commons is working to plant more than 80 trees throughout its community this fall.

The trees are mostly native canopy species and the project is designed to replace large trees that have been lost in recent years to age, disease, wind and lightning.

New Mark Commons has also received a grant from the Maryland Urban and Community Forest Committee to buy about

40 saplings from the Maryland Tree-Mendous Program. New Mark Commons volunteers will plant the trees Nov. 1. If you would like to volunteer, e-mail Stewart McKenzie at smckenz@comcast.net or Joe Jordan at jordanjos@comcast.net.

The New Mark Commons board approved a policy stipulating the replacement of any tree that is removed. [RR](#)

Proper Pool Draining Keeps Waterways Safe

There are hundreds of backyard pools in Rockville, and if not drained properly, that water could pollute the City's streams and the Chesapeake Bay.

In Rockville, the law mandates that the chlorine level be no more than one part per million in pool water when it is drained.

The following steps will help pool owners minimize any impacts on the environment.

- Stop adding chlorine or other chemicals at least five days prior to draining. The water's chlorine level must be essentially zero before being discharged.
- Prevent erosion by draining the water gradually over your lawn, or by placing rocks at the end of the discharge hose.

You can also use a discharge hose long enough to reach the curb.

- Remove debris and pollutants from your pool before draining.
- Ensure water is at air or standing temperature before draining.
- Drain backwash water into sanitary sewer, or use it to irrigate your lawn. Do not drain it into the storm drain.
- If you use Poly-related disinfectants (PHMB), they must be undetectable before discharge.

For questions about draining pools, call the Environment Management Division at 240-314-8870 or e-mail environment@rockvillemd.gov. [RR](#)

Public Hearing Set for Oct. 13 on Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan

A public hearing on the Planning Commission's recommended draft of the Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan will be held in October.

The Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan covers City planning areas 7 (Twinbrook Forest and Northeast Rockville) and 8 (Twinbrook) in the southeastern section of Rockville. The area is bounded by the CSX and Metro railroad tracks to the southwest, First Street and Norbeck Road to the northwest and the City's eastern boundary along Rock Creek Park and Twinbrook Parkway. Veirs Mill Road bisects the area.

The draft plan reflects the community's desire to maintain and enhance the historic residential character of the

Twinbrook neighborhoods, while also determining the future development of land currently zoned for commercial and industrial uses.

The plan includes a series of land use, zoning and transportation recommendations, as well as implementation strategies. Modifications can still be made to the proposed plans after the public hearing.

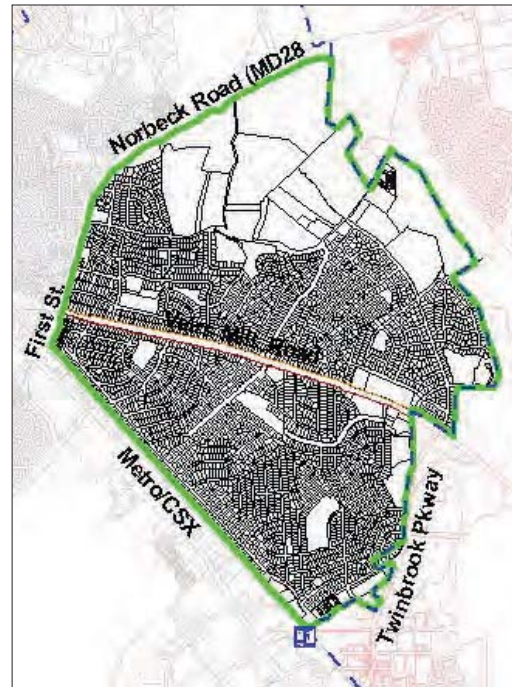
The Mayor and Council is scheduled to hold the hearing at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13, at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. The Planning Commission conducted three public hearings and a series of work sessions before voting June 11 to recommend the draft plan, as amended, to the Mayor and Council for adoption.

Copies of the Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan are avail-

able on the City's Web site at www.rockvillemd.gov/masterplan/twinbrook/index.html. Hard copies can be obtained at the Department of Community Planning and Development Services at City Hall.

Written comments can be submitted to the Mayor and Council at mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov or by mail to the Mayor and Council at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850. More detailed information can be found on file in the City Clerk's Office at Rockville City Hall or by contacting Jim Wasilak, Chief of Planning, or Ann Wallas, planner, at 240-314-8200.

Anyone who would like to testify should call the City Clerk's Office at 240-314-8280 by 4 p.m. on Oct. 13 to place your name on the speaker list. **RR**



Se fija Audiencia Pública para el Plan Urbano del Vecindario de Twinbrook

En octubre se llevará a cabo una audiencia pública acerca del anteproyecto recomendado por la Comisión de Planeamiento para el Plan del Barrio Twinbrook.

El Plan del Barrio Twinbrook cubre las áreas de planeamiento 7 (Twinbrook Forest y el Noroeste de Rockville) y 8 (Twinbrook) en la sección sureste de Rockville. El área está limitada por las vías de CSX y del Metro en el suroeste, la

calle First y Norbeck Road en el noroeste y el límite este de la Ciudad a lo largo del parque Rock Creek y Twinbrook Parkway. Veirs Mill Road divide el área en dos.

El anteproyecto del plan refleja el deseo de la comunidad de mantener y destacar el carácter residencial histórico de los barrios Twinbrook, al mismo tiempo que determinar el futuro desarrollo de terrenos que actualmente están zonificados para uso comercial e industrial.

El plan incluye una serie de recomendaciones para el uso de los terrenos, la zonificación y el transporte, así como estrategias de implementación. Todavía se pueden hacer modificaciones a los planes propuestos después de la audiencia pública.

La Alcaldesa y el Consejo tienen programado llevar a cabo la audiencia el lunes 13 de octubre a las 7 p.m., en el edificio de la City Hall, situado en 111 Maryland Ave. La Comisión de Planeamiento condujo tres

audiencias públicas y una serie de sesiones de trabajo antes de la votación del 11 de junio para recomendar el anteproyecto del plan, tal como está corregido, a la Alcaldesa y al Consejo para que lo adopten.

Hay copias del Plan del Barrio Twinbrook en el sitio en el internet www.rockvillemd.gov/masterplan/twinbrook/index.html. También se pueden obtener copias en papel en el Departamento de Planeamiento de la Comunidad y Servicios de Desarrollo en la Municipalidad. Se pueden enviar comentarios escritos a la Alcaldesa y el Consejo al

mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov o por correo a: Mayor and Council at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850. Se puede encontrar información más detallada en los archivos en la Secretaría de la Municipalidad de Rockville o comunicándose con Jim Wasilak, Jefe de Planeamiento o Ann Wallas, planificadora, al 240-314-8200.

Cualquier persona que quiera testificar debe llamar al 240-314-8280 hasta el 13 de octubre a las 4 p.m. para registrar su nombre en la lista de oradores. **RR**



Residents can choose a recycling cart and a refuse cart that will best meet their needs throughout the year.

Recycling and Refuse program

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habrá receptáculos de muestra para ayudarle a determinar el tamaño que responde a sus necesidades. Se dispondrá de la misma información en todas las reuniones y Ud. puede llegar en cualquier momento

durante el desarrollo de la misma.

Algunos componentes de la recolección de elementos reciclables y basura, tal como la recolección de grandes volúmenes, van a cambiar. Reciba más información en las reuniones, visitando el internet o llamando al 240-314-8568.

Los barrios en la Fase

1 incluyen Big Oak Court, Burgundy Knolls, David Scull, East Rockville, Falls Ridge, Lincoln Park, Lynfield, Orchard Ridge, Potomac Springs, Potomac Woods, Redgate Farms, Rose Hill, Rose Hill Falls, Waddington Park, el área piloto anterior y la mayoría de Burgundy Estates y Horizon Hills. **RR**

How the Program Works:

- Place brown recycling carts and gray refuse carts at the curb or alleyway (depending on your collection location) by 6 a.m. You should place items out the night before collection.
- Place carts with wheels to the curb and the lid opening to the street.
- The maximum allowable loaded cart weight is 165 lbs.
- After collection, carts must be removed from the curb or alleyway within 24 hours.

- Place yard waste at the curb or alleyway in accepted containers or bags; brush should be organized for easy collection.
- If you have more recycling or refuse than your carts can hold, call 240-314-8568 to schedule a special collection. Each household will receive six special collections each year. If you consistently have more recycling or refuse than your carts can hold, call to request a larger cart or a second cart.

www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse
240-314-8568

Rockville Vacuum Leaf Collection Runs October Through December

The annual battle of the leaves is about to begin. Each year, residents work diligently to keep their yards clear of leaves, and the City of Rockville is ready to help.

Rockville vacuums leaves for residents every fall and spring. The Department of Public Works provides two pick-ups during a 10-week period for residents between mid-October and December and once during a two-week period in April. The City is divided into five pick-up areas.

Fall leaf collection is set to begin the week of October 20 in Area 2.

Residents should rake leaves to the curb or just next to the

pavement if no curb exists. Leaves can be raked anytime immediately before or during collection week. Doing so just before collection will help reduce the accumulation of leaves near and on the streets, which can lead to fire hazards or grass being damaged if left too long.

Limbs, rocks and other heavy objects should be removed from leaf piles, and leaves should not be placed in plastic bags. Residents who prefer to bag their leaves may place the leaves in biodegradable paper bags and place them at the curb for collection on their regular weekly yard waste collection day. This collection occurs year round.

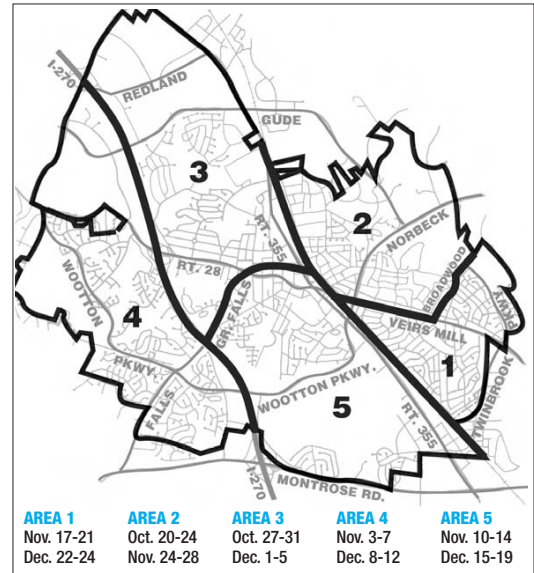
Place leaves at the curb by 6 a.m. on the collection dates.

In addition to vacuuming leaves, the City's recycling program will collect leaves and grass that are in biodegradable bags or easily emptied containers.

Rockville officials also encourage alternative methods for getting rid of leaves to save collection and disposal costs and to help the environment. Some alternatives are to mulch leaves or to compost them.

For more information, call 240-314-8570 between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The schedule and map can also be found online at www.rockvillemd.gov/residents/leaf.htm. **RR**



Do I Need a Permit to Build on My Property?

The City offers many services to its residents, and all are aimed at making life safe and pleasant for everyone who calls Rockville home.

But sometimes, it can be difficult to know about all the services or it can be confusing to understand the rules that govern the City.

Rockville's Inspection Services Division, which is part of the Community Planning and Development Services Department, is charged with ensuring the safety and compliance of buildings through City codes. The division permits and inspects construction, enforces

the zoning ordinance and enforces fire safety codes.

In the last several months, City inspectors have come across situations where residents were making changes to their homes and property without the necessary permits. As a result, residents were often required to delay completion of their projects while they waited for the necessary permits to be processed and issued. In extreme situations, work undertaken without a permit can result in significant delays, fines and civil citations.

Residents are encouraged to consider the following general

guidelines prior to beginning any work on their homes or property.

- All structural changes to a building, including additions, demolition and alterations require permits.
- Only contractors licensed in Rockville who have received a permit from the City should do electrical, heating and plumbing work.
- Accessory structures, such as sheds and fences on a property, also require a permit prior to the start of construction.
- Fire inspections are required for any construction project for which a fire code plan

review has been received.

Building permits will have a fire code plan review comments sheet attached, usually to the plan set cover sheet, or noted "Subject to field inspection by fire marshal."

- Fire inspections are also required for initial license or license renewal of day care homes and centers, nursing homes and automotive repair facilities. All fire protection system work also requires a permit and an inspection.

For more information go to www.rockvillemd.gov/business/licenses/isd.htm or call 240-314-8240. **RR**

Projects in the Pipeline

The City of Rockville has numerous projects that will come before various boards, commissions and the Mayor and Council in October. Each are in a different phase of review.

Highlights:

- Variance from the rear yard setback requirement of 10 feet to construct a screened porch, Leonard Court – Board of Appeals, Oct. 4
- Construct a new science center building, relocate parking and tennis courts on Montgomery College Campus – Planning Commission, Oct. 8
- New parking lot and access road at King Farm historic site – Historic District Commission, Oct. 16
- Addition of new classroom building to existing school at St. Raphael's Parish – Planning Commission, Oct. 22

To learn more about these and other projects being reviewed, go to www.rockvillemd.gov/government/cpds.htm. **RR**

Job Opportunities with the City

The City of Rockville has several job openings and invites you to apply. Rockville prides itself on providing its residents with premium quality, responsive, high value services. If you value innovation, teamwork and take pride in your work, the City may be the place for you. To learn more about these and other position, go to www.rockvillemd.gov and click on careers in the navigation bar on the left.

Job highlights:

- ☐ **Civic Engineer II:** Performs difficult professional and technical work in the investigation, design and construction of municipal projects and facilities. (Full-time)
- ☐ **Fleet Service Mechanic:** Performs semi-skilled mechanical work of a reoccurring nature servicing and performing minor repairs of municipal vehicles and equipment. (Full-time)
- ☐ **Police Officer:** Performs tasks and responsibilities relating to maintaining order, protecting life and property and upholding the laws of the State of Maryland and the ordinances of the City of Rockville. (Full-time)

Rockville Awarded Highest Bond Rating for Second Consecutive Year

The City of Rockville has been awarded for a second year a triple A bond rating by two of the world's top rating agencies. The rating agencies cited the size and stability of the City's tax base, a manageable debt burden, the City government's sound financial management

and healthy reserve levels as factors in their analyses and conclusions.

Both Moody's Investor Services and Standard & Poor's announced that the bonds sold by the City would be rated Aaa and AAA, respectively. These are the highest ratings avail-

able. The City's credit standing was affirmed at triple A for all of its outstanding debt, a move that keeps the City of less than 65,000 residents among the nation's elite local municipalities. With a renewed triple A designation, the City is assured of the most competitive bidding for

future bonds at the lowest interest rates.

Bonds were issued to support the investment in the City's water treatment plant and general water system infrastructure.

"It's a wonderful achievement for the community that the rating agencies continue to see

the positive financial outlook for Rockville," said Gavin Cohen, the City's Director of Finance. "It further substantiates the Mayor and Council's conservative approach to the City's finances as well as saves the taxpayers of Rockville thousands of dollars in interest costs." **RR**

INSIDE MAYOR & COUNCIL

A Glimpse into the
City Government at Work



Mayor Susan R. Hoffman (center), along with Councilmembers Piotr Gajewski and Anne M. Robbins, thank the City's volunteers during the annual appreciation ceremony. Councilmember John B. Britton was unable to attend because he was volunteering at a separate event.



Councilmember Phyllis Marcuccio talks with a resident during Volunteer Appreciation Day.

Volunteers Honored For Their Gift of Giving

Hundreds of Rockville residents gathered earlier in September to share their common bond: Giving back to their hometown by giving their time.

Rockville's annual Volunteer Appreciation Party was held Sept. 5 at Glenview Mansion, where the Mayor and Council honored the hundreds of residents who volunteer throughout the year to make their city a better place.

"We are just so grateful," said Mayor Susan R. Hoffmann. "We couldn't do a lot of the work we do without your help."

The event brought out resi-

dents who serve on City boards and commissions, who coach and mentor the City's youth, who help at special events or donate time to the City's community centers or F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre or nature center.

"There are hundreds of you who take time away from your personal lives, time away from your family to volunteer for the City," Hoffmann said.

To learn more about how you can volunteer in Rockville, go to www.rockvillemd.gov/residents/volunteers/opportunities.htm or call 240-314-5000. **RR**

Sister City Teens to Visit

The Rockville Mayor and Council will welcome 12 teens from Rockville's Sister City, Pinneberg, Germany.

Attending high school during the week and shopping at outlet malls are just two of the typically American activities the teens from Pinneberg will experience during their upcoming visit to Rockville.

The teens and two teachers will visit the City for a three-week immersion in American culture beginning Sept. 26.

The teens will be hosted by families and will attend Thomas S. Wootton High School where they will have the opportunity to practice their language skills in English and German classes. The

students will also engage in other activities unique to the region including visiting the National Mall, hiking the Billy Goat trail and a day trip to the City of Baltimore.

This visit is the most recent in a series of exchanges between Rockville and Pinneberg, whose sister city relationship was established more than 50 years ago. During the last half-century, the two cities have promoted cultural diversity and knowledge, and provided opportunities for educational, music, art, sport and professional exchanges.

The Mayor and Council will acknowledge the student visit with a presentation of certificates at their Oct. 13 meeting. **RR**

Deadline for Written Testimony on Zoning Ordinance Extended

Mayor and Council Also Vote to Continue
Development Moratorium as Work Progresses

The Mayor and Council voted in September to extend the deadline for submission of written testimony on the draft zoning ordinance and map, and to extend the development moratorium as they work to complete the document.

Anyone who wants to submit written comments will have until 5 p.m. on the Friday before the last Mayor and Council discussion and instruction to the City staff. The date for the last discussion and instruction is tentatively set for Monday, Oct. 6, as of Rockville Reports' press time.

A resolution was adopted to extend the building moratorium until Dec. 31 or the effective date of the zoning ordinance. The moratorium has been in effect since last November while the document is under review. A tentative date for adoption of the ordinance is set for Monday, Nov. 3.

Rockville's zoning ordinance regulates development on all properties in Rockville, including building height, setbacks and accessory structures on residential property, permitted land uses, and the size and scale of new development. Rockville's zoning ordinance has not been fully

revised since 1975.

Rockville began the process of reviewing and rewriting its 30-year-old ordinance in 2005. Included in that process was intensive work by a citizen committee, extensive public comment and review, outreach to the residential and business communities, outreach at civic and homeowner association meetings, two public hearings and multiple worksessions before the Planning Commission.

The Mayor and Council initially imposed a phased moratorium last fall. The moratorium was modified to allow for the filing of variances, special exceptions not requiring a use permit and minor subdivisions. These applications are likely not affected by any changes proposed in the final draft zoning ordinance.

The Mayor and Council are scheduled to hold a work session on the zoning ordinance at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2 at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.

Written testimony may be sent to the Mayor and Council at mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov or at 111 Maryland Ave. Additional information, including a full copy the draft ordinance, is available at www.rockvillemd.gov/zoning. **RR**

High-tech Treasure Hunting Makes Its Way to Rockville

The Rockville Mayor and Council agreed on the need to promote the City, and they want to make visits to the community fun for visitors.

The Mayor and Council voted unanimously on Sept. 22 to participate in the Maryland Municipal League (MML) Geocache Trail program. The program was established to encourage visits to Maryland's municipalities and guide them

to various places of interest.

Geocaching is essentially a high-tech treasure hunt in which people with handheld GPS devices can locate hidden treasures – or geocaches.

While the specific locations and number for Rockville have not yet been decided, City officials hope to have the items in place by January when the Maryland Municipal League program kicks off. **RR**

Ceremony Will Mark Transfer of Post Office to Rockville

Years of work to make the Old Rockville Post Office a City facility came to a close on Sept. 22 when the Mayor and Council authorized its transfer to Rockville from the federal government.

Rockville has been working to acquire the building for use as its police headquarters. Operations at the post office, located at 2 Montgomery Ave.,

ceased in October 2006. A ceremony to make the transfer official is set for Oct. 20 at the Post Office.

Funding for the \$6.4 million is outlined in the FY2010 budget for design and construction of the project. Plans call for extensive renovation of the post office building and the construction of the annex facility in the back of the site. **RR**



Mayor
Susan R. Hoffmann



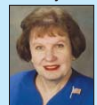
Councilmember
John B. Britton



Councilmember
Piotr Gajewski



Councilmember
Phyllis Marcuccio



Councilmember
Anne M. Robbins

Mayor & Council Meetings

All General Sessions, Worksessions and Public Hearings are televised on Rockville Channel 11, and are available on streaming video at www.rockvillemd.gov. Residents may comment on any subject for up to three minutes during the "Citizens Forum" portion at most General Session meetings. All meetings are subject to change.

- Oct. 2 (Mon.) No Citizens Forum, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 6 (Mon.) Citizens Forum, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 13 (Mon.) Citizens Forum, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 20 (Mon.) Citizens Forum, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 27 (Mon.) No Citizens Forum, 7 p.m.

Mayor & Council Drop In

The Mayor and one Councilmember are available to meet with residents for drop-in discussions from 5:30-6:30 p.m. one Monday per month in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall. No appointment is necessary, but a call to the City Clerk Office is appreciated as drop in times are subject to change. Call 240-314-8280.

In addition to Mayor Hoffmann, the Councilmember scheduled for October is:

- Oct. 13 (Mon.) Anne M. Robbins

Boards & Commission Vacancies

The City is seeking applicants for:

- Animal Matters Board (one)
- Board of Appeals (one)
- Commission on the Environment (one)
- Compensation Commission (two)
- Human Services Advisory Commission (one)
- Landlord Tenant Affairs (three)
- Personnel Appeals Board (one)
- Retirement Board (one)
- Rockville Sister City (one)
- Sign Review Board (one)
- Traffic and Transportation Commission (one)
- Youth Sports Board (one)

For more information, call the Office of the City Clerk at

240-314-8280
or go to

www.rockvillemd.gov

OUT & ABOUT IN ROCKVILLE

Highlighting City Events and Programs

Antique and Classic Car Show Features Hundreds of Historic Automobiles

Special Display Celebrates 100 Years of General Motors

Auto collectors and enthusiasts, and anyone who knows the thrill of driving will want to come out to Rockville's annual Antique and Classic Car Show, when more than 400 antique and classic automobiles go on display.

The annual event, being held 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, on the grounds of Glenview Mansion at Rockville Civic Center Park, will feature 24 Washington, D.C., area car clubs, from Alfa Romeo to Studebaker. The Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show Committee sets out each year to exhibit motor vehicles of the highest standard of preservation and restoration, and to continue to be recognized as the premier non-judged motor vehicle show in the region.

The Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show is now in its 47th year and attracts the best antique and classic cars in the Mid-Atlantic region. The show generally features between 450 and 500 show cars and it attracts about 10,000 visitors.

The 2008 Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show will have a special display celebrating 100 years of General Motors. The exhibit will illustrate the contributions General Motors has made to the technology, styling, performance and culture of the automobile.

The General Motors special



The 2003 Mayor and Council award winner was a 1906 Cadillac K Runabout Victorian Tulip Body. Each year the Antique and Classic Car Show features hundreds of historic automobiles.

display will feature automobiles that can best show the major eras, milestones and turning points in the history of General Motors. It will also feature both the earliest and most recent examples of makes that form General Motors.

Some of the earliest examples of technical innovations include the electric starter, fuel injection and front wheel drive, while milestones of styling from the various eras include examples of the "fin era," as well as trends such as economy cars, muscle cars and personal luxury.

The car show has typically been restricted to cars more than 25 years old, but for this special

display all model years will be included.

The show will also feature the people's choice and Rockville Mayor and Council awards ceremony, and a performance by the Rockville Swing Band.

To register a car for the show go to www.rockvillemd.gov/events/car-show-reg-08.pdf to download a registration form or call the Special Events office at 240-314-8605. The rain date for the event is Saturday, Oct. 25. To learn more about the event or to get directions, call 240-314-8605 or go to www.rockvillemd.gov/events/carshow.htm. The inclement weather hotline is 240-314-5022. **RR**

Literature Conference Open to All Residents

Rockville residents interested in literature and writing are invited to attend the 13th annual F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference on Saturday, Oct. 25. The daylong conference features panel discussion and writing workshops led by nationally known authors on a variety of topics, including short story form, publishing and screen adaptation.

For the first time in the conference's history, editors will be on hand to consult with

participants. For a fee, writers can speak individually with an editor and receive feedback on their writing.

The event also awards two local short story contest winners, one adult and one high school, and includes a reading by 2008 F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Award Honoree, Elmore "Dutch" Leonard. The author of more than three dozen critically acclaimed books, Leonard will be recognized during the conference for his outstanding contributions to American literature.

Originally established in honor of Fitzgerald's centennial birthday in 1996, the conference maintains a link between the community and the writer who spent time here in the early 1900s. Fitzgerald is buried with his family in the cemetery at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Additional information on this year's conference, including descriptions of workshops, panel discussions and registration information, can be found in the Focus on the Arts insert. **RR**

CROYDON CREEP NATURE CENTER

Join us on Friday, October 24 from 6-8 p.m. for an evening of frightful fun!

There will be lots of games, hands-on activities, live animal interpretation and a spooky nature hike. All ages are welcome; no reservations required.

\$1 per person at the door.
Children under 2 are free.

Celebrate **Wednesday, Oct. 8**

International Walk to School

Schools Invited to Take Part in Walk to School Day

Each year, Rockville encourages its schools to participate in International Walk to School Day, which was started as a way to bring community leaders and children together to create awareness for walkable communities.

Walk to School Day was created to spotlight safer routes for walking and bicycling, and to emphasize the importance of increasing physical activity, implementing pedestrian safety, reducing traffic congestion, protecting the environment and building connections between families, schools and the community.

Last year, nine Rockville elementary schools joined schools around the world to celebrate the day. All 50 states held Walk to School Day events for an estimated total of 6,000 schools in 2007, according to the organiza-

tion's Web site. That number increased by 35 percent from 2006.

The 11th annual Walk to School Day will be held Wednesday, Oct. 8. The goal is to walk to school together to promote health, safety, physical activity and the environment. The City of Rockville wants to have as many of its schools and parents as possible participate.

The event is part of the Safe Routes to School initiative for which the City of Rockville receives grants. The national program is a way for community leaders, parents and schools to encourage and allow more children to walk or bike to school safely.

If your school would like to be a part of the event, call Hillary Boguski, Community Wellness Coordinator, at 240-314-8119. **RR**

Lincoln Park Community Center Hosts Night of Family Friendly Fun

Celebrate the success of Lincoln Park Community Center's redesigned library on Sunday, Sept. 28, with a viewing party of ABC's Extreme Makeover: Home Edition. The party will begin at 4 p.m. with a viewing of the Redskins

vs. Cowboys football game and continue through the season premiere of Extreme Makeover at 7 p.m.

Rockville's Jackson family received a new home in Poolesville from ABC and will be featured in the episode. The Jacksons

have participated in programs at the Lincoln Park Community Center during the last four years through scholarships from the City. The City's Recreation Fund provides financial assistance to those who would otherwise not be able to

participate in programs and activities.

Ty Pennington and the rest of the show's crew remodeled the library in June as a thank you to the center for all the work it does in the community.

The party will include

food, drinks and games and will showcase the updated library's new books, tables, chairs, cabinets and children's mural.

The event will also feature a book reading and give-away of Shel Silverstein's *Giving Tree*. **RR**

In Brief

City Offers Free Firewood to Residents

Now is the time to stock up on firewood for the winter months. Free firewood is available on a first-come, first-served basis in the upper parking lot at the City's Maintenance Facility at 14625 Rothgeb Drive. Wood chips are also available.

The service was temporarily suspended because of renovations at the facility. The more you take, the less fuel and energy the City consumes hauling these materials away.

CALL 240-314-8700 FOR INFO

Save the Date

The 33rd annual Rockville 10K/5K Run will take place at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, in King Farm. The autumn race is

hosted by the City of Rockville, presented by King Farm Village Center and Regency Centers, and conducted by the Montgomery County Road Runners Club.

The 10-kilometer/5-kilometer run serves as a third leg in the Rockville Triple Race Series. The 10K run is a qualifier for the 2008 Maryland Senior Olympics and the sole qualifier for runners age 50 and over to the 2009 National Senior Olympics in San Francisco.

New for the race this year is the use of the chip timing system, which provides quicker and more accurate race scoring.

Register for the race by Oct. 31 online at www.mccrc.org or mail an entry form to Rockville 10K/5K - City of Rockville, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850. Entry forms available at City Hall.

Race packet pick-up and late

registration is available at RNJ Sports, 11910R Parklawn Drive, Rockville. Registration is \$28 by Oct. 24, \$30 by Nov. 1 and \$33 on race day.

If you don't want to run, but will volunteer, go to www.mccrc.org or call 301-460-8888.

CALL 240-314-8620 FOR INFO

Workshop Focuses on Parent Communication

If you've ever found yourself repeating the same requests to your child time and again or you wonder if your child really understands your requests, you're not alone.

Join parents who are eager to learn new techniques to better communicate with their children.

How to Talk So Kids Listen, a three-part workshop, taught by Jon Meyerson, a licensed clinical

social worker, and his wife Beverly. The workshop provides parents with skills to improve communication with their children.

The first session will be held Friday, Oct. 3, 7-9 p.m., at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive. The second and third sessions will be held at the same time Oct. 10 and 17 at the Senior Center. The workshop is sponsored by the City of Rockville Division of Community Services.

Register for the workshop through the City's Web site at www.rockvillemd.gov, click on RockEnroll. The course number is 26187. You can also register by calling 301-762-4284. The fee is \$16 for Rockville residents and \$21 for non-residents.

CALL 301-762-4284 FOR INFO

Mediation Can Resolve Conflicts

The Rockville Community

Mediation program is one of several Maryland mediation programs that offers free, neutral and confidential conflict resolution assistance to Rockville residents who have experienced a conflict.

Conflict Resolution Day, which is set for Oct. 16, is an internationally recognized event that takes place annually. It was established to celebrate and educate communities about lifelong skills that can promote positive, nonviolent interactions between individuals and groups when conflicts do arise.

Conflict Resolution Day highlights strategies, such as calming down to discuss a conflict, being honest, listening and expressing views, and brainstorming resolutions - all key elements to resolving a conflict.

If you are in need of assistance contact the number below.

CALL 240-314-8316 FOR INFO

CITY

1,8,15,22,29 Out To Lunch Wednesdays Food, free music and farmers market. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on E. Montgomery Avenue.

4,11,18,25 Rockville Growers' Only Farmers Market Fresh cut flowers, plants, herbs, fruits, vegetables and baked goods. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street. FREE parking.

25 8th Annual Twinbrook Community Center Fall Spooktacular A family event featuring costume parade and judging, crafts, pumpkin painting. 1-3 p.m. at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway. Cost \$1 per person. Call 240-314-8830.

TOWN SQUARE

25 Mommy & Me on the Square Halloween Hay Day features hayrides, Halloween costume contest, trick-or-treating, arts and crafts, and storytelling. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

ARTS

The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery and F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre are located in Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive.

4 Help the Homeless Fundraiser/Concert Lost and Found performs. Appetizers at 5:30 p.m., concert at 7 p.m., dessert at 9 p.m. Tickets \$20.

5-28 Art Exhibit Opening Featured artists are Catherine Kleeman, quilted fiber; Jackie Braitman, art glass; and Nicholas Fan, photography. Meet the artist opening reception 1:30-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5.

5 Sunday Afternoon Concert Series Bobbie Shore & First Call perform swing, jazz and blues. 2 p.m. FREE.

12 Rockville Concert Band performs its first concert of the season. 3 p.m.; FREE.

18 Chinese Art and Folk Songs Mulan Foundation presents the event, featuring Dr. Mei Zhong. 8 p.m.

19 Rockville Arts Sampler Vignettes from Rockville Little Theatre, Rockville Musical Theatre, Victorian Lyric Opera Company, Rockville Civic Ballet and others. 2 p.m.; FREE.

31 through Nov. 16 The Sound of Music Opens at Rockville Musical Theatre. Performances held at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; and 2 p.m. Sundays Nov. 9 and 16. Tickets \$20, adults; \$18, seniors (62+); and \$16 students (18 & under).

October

calendar of events

RES. = Residents • NR. = Non Residents • MEM. = Member • NM. = Non Member

NATURE & OUTDOOR

All programs held at Croyden Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road, Rockville Civic Center Park, unless otherwise noted. Registration required. Register online at www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8770.

4 Scout Badge Days/Webelos Forester Badge Naturalists can help Webelos complete requirements for the Forester badge. 10 a.m.-noon or 2-4 p.m.; \$12 RES/\$14 NR; 240-314-8771

8 Jr. Naturalist Program/Becoming a Naturalist Sharpen your senses and put them to the test on a scavenger hunt through the woods. Held 4:30 p.m.; ages 10-14; \$12 RES/\$14 NR.

11 Adult Trip: C&O Canal Bike Series No. 1 28-mile stretch begins at the northern terminus of the C&O Canal and ends at the historic tunnel. Register by Oct. 3. Leaves from Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; ages 16-over; \$37 RES/\$46 NR.

11 Campfire: Spooky Stories Some child-friendly spooky stories and a campfire and treat. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs. An adult must accompany children under age 10. Register by Oct. 6-7 p.m.; \$4 RES/\$5 NR.

16 Tiny Tot Walk: Lovely Leaves Lessons will be taught through stories, activities and a craft. 10:30-11:15 a.m.; ages 2-3 1/2; \$6 RES/\$7 NR.

16 Tyke Hike: Falling, Falling Leaves Learn about trees dropping leaves through stories, activities and a craft. 1-2 p.m.; ages 3 1/2-6; \$6 RES/\$7 NR.

17 Pumpkin Science Become a pumpkin scientist by performing hands-on experiments. Paint your own pumpkin. Register by Oct. 10. 1-2:30 p.m.; ages 7-11; \$9 RES/\$11 NR.

18 Women on the Move: Hike Great Falls, MD Starts with boat ride in C&O Canal and ends with hike on the trails. Register by Oct. 10. Leaves from Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. 12:30-5 p.m.; ages 30-over; \$22 RES/\$27 NR.

25 Appalachian Trail Nos. 6 and 7: Gathland to Harper's Ferry Combine two sections of the Appalachian Trail for a 10-mile hike into Harper's Ferry. Register by Oct. 17. Leaves from Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; ages 16-over; \$37 RES/\$46 NR.

29 Tree ID Identify common trees found around the nature center and receive a tree identification guide to take

home. Register by Oct. 21. 3:30-4:30 p.m.; ages 8-12; \$7 RES/\$9 NR.

SENIORS

All programs are held at Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, unless noted. Call 240-314-8800.

1 Clarify Computer Concepts Beginners computer class. 10 a.m.-noon; \$5 MEM/\$7 RES/\$10 NR.

1 October Birthday Party Entertainment by All That Jazz, including Karlton Jackson and the New Attitudes. Register by Sept. 29; 1:30-3 p.m. FREE.

1,6,8 Computer Essentials Builds the foundation toward understanding computer terms. 1-3 p.m.; \$24 MEM/\$31 RES/\$37 NR; \$3 materials fee.

2 Forgiveness and Grief Explore the need for and how to find forgiveness when grieving the death of a loved one. 10-11:30 a.m. FREE.

2 Flu Clinic 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Senior Center members only.

6 Nutrition Fact and Fiction An interactive nutrition program to include information on eggs, cholesterol, Vitamin D and cancer prevention. 11 a.m.-noon. FREE.

7 Maintaining Your Computer Learn how to adjust and maintain your system for better performance. 10 a.m.-noon; \$5 MEM/\$7 RES/\$10 NR.

7-28 Open Studio Fine-tune your creativity as a master artist assists you with a multimedia project. Bring pastel, oils or acrylics, sketchbook and still life or photo. 10 a.m.-noon; \$15 MEM/\$19 RES/\$24 NR.

13,20,27 Microsoft Word Using Word effectively. 1-3 p.m.; \$24 MEM/\$31 RES/\$37 NR; \$5 materials fee.

14 Dr. Stonestreet of the 1800s Clarence Hickey portrays historic Rockville physician Dr. Edward Stonestreet, a Civil War Surgeon with the Union Army. 10:30-noon; \$3 MEM/\$4 RES/\$6 NR.

14 Recycling and Waste Reduction Tips 1-2 p.m.; FREE.

14 Woodworking-Beginner 1-3 p.m. \$5 MEM/\$7 RES/\$9 NR. Register by Oct. 6.

14,16,21,23 Windows Operating Systems Most frequently used and least understood software: XP, Vista. 1-3 p.m.;

\$36 MEM/\$44 RES/\$51 NR; \$10 fee.

15 PowerPoint Workshop 10 a.m.-noon; \$35 MEM/\$44 RES/\$55 NR.

15 "No Sew" Bag Make a lined bag. No sewing required. 9:30-11:30 a.m.; \$6 MEM/\$8 RES/\$10 NR; \$5 fee for group items due at class.

16 Young in Heart Senior Club in Carnation room; 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

16 through Nov. 13 Chinese Group Piano Lessons Learn the fundamentals, note reading, rhythm, theory and basic techniques. Pianos available for each student and for practice. 1-2 p.m.; \$45 MEM/\$56 RES/\$80 NR; \$17 for class book payable to instructor.

16 Fall Prevention and Balance Screening Learn how to avoid falling and rehabilitation of related injuries. 1-3 p.m.; balance screening 2-3 p.m.; FREE.

17 Line Dance Social Join us for a rip-roarin', foot stompin' good time. No experience or partner necessary. 2-3 p.m.; \$4 MEM/\$5 RES/\$6 NR.

20,22 Cable Crossover Workshop Learn all about this exercise equipment and what it can do. 12:30-1:30 p.m.; \$8 (must be a senior fitness member to register).

20,22,27 Digital Photography I A how-to class plus photo assignments. Bring a pocket storage device, your camera and manual to each class. 10 a.m.-noon; \$35 MEM/\$44 RES/\$55 NR; \$6 materials fee.

20 When Bad Things Happen to Good People Explore ways to support yourself and people in your life who are facing struggles. 10-11:30 a.m.; FREE.

21 Bocce Ball Tournament and Picnic To register, call Chris Klopfer at 240-314-8822. Tournament: 11 a.m.-noon. RSVP for picnic by Oct. 10; FREE.

21&23 Computer Basics 10-11:30 a.m.; \$5 MEM/\$7 RES/\$10 NR.

21 Woodworking-Advanced 1-3 p.m.; \$5 MEM/\$7 RES/\$9 NR; register by Oct. 9.

22 Backing up Your Computer Find out when to do it, how often and how long to keep files. 1-3 p.m.; \$5 MEM/\$7 RES/\$10 NR.

23 Book Club meeting New members welcome. 10:30-11:30 a.m.

23 Decorative Art Roadshow Experts from Sloans and Kenyon Auction House will identify and give values on antique pieces. 1-2:30 p.m.; \$4 MEM/\$5 RES/\$6 NR. 240-314-8820

28 Windows Desktop Management 10 a.m. to noon; 5 MEM/\$7 RES/\$10 NR.

28 Music of Cole Porter Take a musical stroll down memory lane. 1-2 p.m.; \$2 MEM/\$3 RES/\$4 NR.

29 Pneumonia and Flu Clinic 10 a.m.-noon.

30 More Keyboard and Mouse 1-3 p.m.; \$5 MEM/\$7 RES/\$10 NR.

30 Who's At Your Door A Halloween party where the Carnation Players open the door to a rollicking romp of mystery guests. 1:30-3 p.m.; \$2 MEM/\$3 RES/\$4 NR.

BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

Meetings are held at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., unless otherwise noted.

1 Rockville Bike Advisory Committee 7:15 p.m.

4 Board of Appeals 9:30 a.m.

8 Sister City Corporation 7:30 p.m.

8,22 Planning Commission 7 p.m.

14 Landlord/Tenant Affairs Commission 6 p.m.

14 Commission on the Environment 7:30 p.m.

14 Human Services Advisory Commission 7:30 p.m.

15 Cultural Arts Commission 7 p.m.

15 Rockville Housing Enterprises 6:30 p.m., 621-A Southlawn Lane.

16 Senior Citizens Commission 10 a.m. to noon, Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive.

16 Historic District Commission 7:30 p.m.

21 Rockville Seniors, Inc. 1 p.m., Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive.

23 Recreation and Park Advisory Board, 7 p.m. Twinbrook Comm. Rec. Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway.

28 Traffic and Transportation Commission 7:30 p.m.

A Gift of Time: Giving Back to the Community

Make A Salute to Rockville Nonprofits

The fourth annual Salute to Rockville Nonprofits will be held 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, during the Saturday Farmers Market.

The event is a chance to learn about local nonprofit agencies, check out volunteer opportunities and win a prize worth up to \$50. Opportunities abound for everyone, including teens trying to earn student learning service credit hours. The event is sponsored by the City of Rockville, in partnership with the Rockville Caregivers Coalition, Rockville Human Services Advisory Commission, Montgomery Alliance and Rockville Chamber of Commerce.

The Farmers Market and Salute to Nonprofits will be held at the corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street (in the jury parking lot).

Help Maintain City's Water Quality

Do you enjoy being outdoors? How about learning new things? Ever wonder about the quality of the water in your neighborhood stream or why a stream is straight or curved? Did you ever want to know why the stream banks are covered in vegetation or how different stream habitats come together to make a great stream or a poor one?

If life outdoors, streams and water quality are of interest to you, come out 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, to Croydon Nature Center, 852 Avery Road, Rockville Civic Center Park.

The Water Working Group of Rockville's Commission on the Environment and the Environmental Division will focus on the City's three watersheds – Rock Creek, Cabin John and Watts Branch. You will also get an introduction to the macroinvertebrates – Creek Critters – that live in Rockville.

Many communities have volunteers collecting data on the number and type of aquatic macroinvertebrates. These aquatic critters are sensitive to certain types of pollution, and because of that serve as great indicators of stream quality. The group will also study and record indicators of stream quality, such as acidity and clarity.

To learn more, call Jim Ingle at 301-442-2244 or e-mail jingle@rockvillemd.gov.

Lend a Hand to Rockville Seniors

Rockville Seniors, Inc., is in need of volunteers with experience in fundraising. The all-volunteer board raises money to help support the Rockville Senior Center. The Rockville Seniors, Inc., Board of Directors meets once at month at the Senior Center. If you are interested in helping, e-mail Karen Lumpkin, coordinator, Senior Recreation Services, at klumpkin@rockvillemd.gov.

Help a child by becoming a mentor

The City of Rockville Mentoring Program is in need of volunteers to ensure every child receives the support and encouragement that he or she needs.

The mentoring program, managed by the City's Division of Community Services, gives adults and high school students a chance to work one-on-one with elementary school students to help them develop academic and social skills. Mentors are matched with students who share general interests and similarities.

Mentors meet with their mentees during the school year. No mentoring is held during holidays and school breaks.

All volunteers are screened and receive training. For information, or to volunteer for the program, call Cynthia Bangali, program coordinator, at 240-314-8317 or e-mail her at cbangali@rockvillemd.gov.



Rockville Channel 11 worked with Croydon Creek kids camp to help produce "Nature TV."

Rockville Students are a Natural with TV

Do you know the difference between a tortoise and a turtle? How do you tell whether a snake is venomous? Is a frog a reptile or an amphibian?

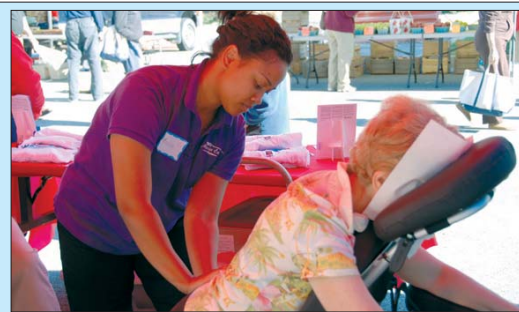
You can find out these answers and more by watching Nature Center TV on Rockville Channel 11, the new show produced by Croydon Creek Nature Center campers in partnership with Rockville Channel 11, the City's cable channel.



Created and supervised by the Croydon Creek Nature Center staff, the camp attracted 16 campers ranging in age from 9 to 11. Each group was given the task to research, write and host its own television segment all about nature. The campers learned about television production from the Rockville Channel 11 staff and had the opportunity to work directly with animals, such as Homer, the black rat snake, Meep, the toad, and Daisy, the diamondback terrapin, living at the Croydon Creek Nature Center.

Nature Center TV will be airing during the month of October on Rockville Channel 11. Check the schedule for dates and times.

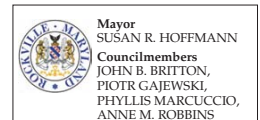
The Croydon Creek Nature Center is located on the grounds of Civic Center Park behind Glenview Mansion. For more information, go to www.rockvillemd.gov/croydoncreek or call 240-314-8770. **RR**



HERE'S TO YOUR HEALTH... Rockville hosted its third annual Community Health Fair on Sept. 20, when it partnered with ARBA's Women's Health Day and the Rockville Farmers Market. Residents came out to the event, where they could receive a massage, health screening or talk to medical professionals. The Community Health Fair in Rockville on Sept. 20 gave residents an opportunity to find out information on a variety of health topics. The event was geared toward women.



THE ROCKVILLE CHANNEL OCTOBER PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE							
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12 Midnight until meeting ends	Planning Commission	Historic District Comm.	Mayor & Council	Mayor & Council	Historic District Comm.	Mayor & Council	Planning Commission
6 a.m.	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
6:30 a.m.	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
7 a.m.	NCTV	Trash Talk	Rockville Rides	The Rockville Way	Trash Talk	Inside Rec&Parks Encore	NCTV
7:30 a.m.	Trash Talk	Every 15 Minutes	NCTV	Trash Talk	Into the Blue	NCTV	Into the Blue
8 a.m.	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
8:30 a.m.	Historic District Comm.	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Mayor & Council
9 a.m.		The Rockville Way	On Patrol Encore	Rockville Rides	The Rockville Way	Trash Talk	
9:30 a.m.		NCTV	Into the Blue	NCTV	Every 15 Minutes	Into the Blue	
10 a.m.		Trash Talk	Every 15 Minutes	Into the Blue	K-9 Cops	Rockville Rides	
10:30 a.m.		Rockville Rides	NCTV	Trash Talk	NCTV	Rebirth of a Town Center	
11 a.m.		Into the Blue	Rockville Rides	Inside Rec&Parks	Into the Blue	Every 15 Minutes	On Patrol Encore
11:30 a.m.	Trash Talk	The Rockville Way	Trash Talk	The Rockville Way	Trash Talk	The Rockville Way	Trash Talk
12 noon	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
12:30 p.m.	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
1 p.m. until meeting ends	Mayor & Council	Planning Commission	Mayor & Council	Historic District Comm.	Planning Commission	Mayor & Council	Planning Commission
4 p.m.	The Rockville Way		Into the Blue	Rockville Rides		Rockville Rides	
4:30 p.m.	Trash Talk		NCTV	Trash Talk		NCTV	
5 p.m.	Rockville Rides	Every 15 Minutes	The Rockville Way	Every 15 Minutes	Rebirth of a Town Ctr.	Every 15 Minutes	Rockville Rides
5:30 p.m.	Every 15 Minutes	NCTV	Trash Talk	NCTV	Trash Talk	Into the Blue	The Rockville Way
6 p.m.	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
6:30 p.m.	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
7 p.m.	Planning Commission	Mayor & Council	Every 15 Minutes	Planning Commission	Every 15 Minutes	Mayor & Council	Into the Blue
7:30 p.m.			Into the Blue		NCTV		NCTV
8 p.m.			NCTV		Into the Blue		Every 15 Minutes
8:30 p.m.			Rockville Rides		The Rockville Way		The Rockville Way
9 p.m.			The Rockville Way		Every 15 Minutes		Inside Rec&Parks
9:30 p.m.			Trash Talk		Trash Talk		Trash Talk
10 p.m.	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
10:30 p.m.	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
11 p.m.	Into the Blue	The Rockville Way	Into the Blue	NCTV	Into the Blue	Trash Talk	Every 15 Minutes
11:30 p.m.	NCTV	Into the Blue	NCTV	Trash Talk	NCTV	Every 15 Minutes	NCTV



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